

MUSIC THERAPY SUB-COMMITTEE
MINUTES – March 15, 2004

Attending: Keith Tintle – Chair, Debbie Morrison, Elizabeth York, Trish Deyoung, Stephen Gillett, Paul Lund, Sandra Negley, Debra Hendren, Laura Poe, Carol Bloswick, Kris Carter, Denell Bredsguard, Joel Hoffman.

- 1 Keith gave an overview of the committee purpose and asked for individual introductions from the members. He then asked for any comments from members regarding the issues.
- 2 Laura Poe from the Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing (DOPL) introduced information regarding the licensing of recreation therapists. She clarified that music therapists are not licensed in the State of Utah to practice through DOPL. This would not allow them to participate with treatment plans as would other licensed professions. She cautioned against making total changes to rules that would include music therapists with other licensed professionals.
- 3 Elizabeth York from Utah State University gave a brief intro to music therapy and some of the qualifications that are required. She commented that music therapists are nationally board-certified to practice. Other comments from the committee were made to clarify the distinctions between music therapy and recreational therapy. Curriculum for each was discussed. Qualifications for music therapy were not in question, as all agreed they were sufficient.
- 4 The committee did have concerns that the changes proposed in the health rules infringed upon other licensed clinicians, and had conflicts with reimbursement issues with certified facilities.
- 5 After all discussion, the following recommendations were made:
 - 1- The members representing music therapists could meet with Bureau of Licensing staff and research more applicable changes to the health facility rules. They could then present any future changes to the Health Facility Committee.
 - 2- The music therapists should consider licensing through DOPL in order to fully participate in the health arena in Utah.

Assignments: Joel set a time in May to meet with Elizabeth York and Debbie Morrison to discuss any further changes to the Utah health rules regarding music therapy. Any new recommendations will be brought to the Health Facility Committee.